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**Title I Distinguished Schools  
2005-2006**

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**The Background:**

The Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is a joint endeavor of the Tennessee Department of Education and the National Association of State Title I Directors.

The purpose of the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is to identify schools that are ensuring that all children have access to effective instructional strategies and challenging academic content. In addition, these schools demonstrate success in ensuring that all children, particularly educationally deprived children, make significant progress towards learning that content. Highly successful Title I schools that are operating in high poverty attendance areas (40% and above) were encouraged to apply. Schools across the state that operate either a school-wide program or a targeted assistance school were invited to make application for this prestigious award.

Four schools in Tennessee have been recognized as Title I Distinguished Schools for 2005-2006.

Smyrna Primary School in Rutherford County and Sunny Hill Elementary School in Haywood County have received the recognition of State Title I Distinguished Schools.

Smyrna Elementary in Rutherford County and Westwood Elementary in Manchester have been recognized as National Title I Distinguished School Awardees for 2005-06. In January 2006, National Title I Distinguished Schools were recognized at the National Title I Conference in Dallas.

These schools are certainly unique, but share common characteristics of dedicated staff, effective community and parental engagement, and excellent district and school leadership. To learn more about the state's Title I Distinguished Schools, please visit our website at <http://www.state.tn.us/education/fedprog/fpdistinguished.php>.

**The Recommendation:**

For information purposes only; no action required.